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I am a citizen of the United States, and a computer professional with 22 years of experience in the field.

Having read the proposed remedy, I am deeply concerned that it will not address the pattern of misbehavior that Microsoft has been engaged in consistently for the past decade. I also believe that the proposed remedy does not address the concerns of one of the major potential and actual competitors that Microsoft has: the free software/open-source software communities.

While I am not in full agreement with some of the rhetoric, I agree with the first two of the three remedies proposed by the Free Software Foundation (which can be found at <http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/microsoft-antitrust.html>).

A summary of these is:

- 1) Microsoft would be required to publish complete documentation for all programming interfaces and file formats, and would be prohibited from using any interface or file format which is not fully-documented.
- 2) Microsoft would be required to use any patents in the field of software for defensive purposes only.

In addition to providing a level playing field for \*all\* Microsoft competitors, the two proposed remedies above would be far less administratively burdensome, involve much less involvement by the government in Microsoft's management, and would go a long way in preserving Microsoft's "freedom to innovate".

Thank you for your consideration of my views in this matter.

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